FROM THE FIELD.

Reliance, Va.

Since last October, one year ago, we have received thirty-three by relation, two have died, one expelled, which leaves a gain of thirty. We held our communion on Oct. 20th. Fifty-three sat around the table, some for the first time and no doubt some for the last time. Received two by baptism. One on Sunday night. When Bro. Shaver gave the invitation one young man stood up and was received by baptism on Monday after. Bro. Shaver had talked to a young woman and asked her whether she would not like to be baptized and she said yes. So Bro. Shaver said "Brethren and sisters, let us prepare to go to the water again;" so she was baptized according to the command and arose to walk in newness of life. I think there is more to follow. We now have about ninety-five scattered in three counties.

The EVANGELIST is getting better every number. I see that Bro. Bashor is going to take the field again. I heard that he was coming south this winter. If so, stop in old Virginia again.

JACOB C. RINKER.

The Indiana Mission Board.

As I was chosen as Treasurer of the Mission Board of Indiana, I wish to state to all that my address is Elkhart, Elkhart Co., Ind., and not Dunlaps, as stated in the report.

Now, brethren and sisters, let us all wake up in this great work before us and see if we can get money on hand at once to put Bro. Swihart in the field soon. As so much is at hand to be done, let us work in dead earnest, that some poor, starving souls may be fed the bread of eternal life through the efforts of the missionary workers.

Bro. S. P. Stevens sends first money from his little flock. Who is next. All moneys will be reported through the EVANGELIST, quarterly.

DAVID R. STUTZMAN.

Indian Creek.

Saturday evening, Oct. 14th, we met at the Indian Creek chapel for communing, in remembrance of Him who died to redeem us. It was a happy time, and I believe, we all felt that it was good for us to be there. Not only to be in the presence of one another, but that we were complying with the teachings of the Gospel. How glad one feels when he has done that which the Lord requires. It is to the one that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven who shall enter. The brethren from other organizations were Bro. Irvin and wife, Bro. Landis and wife, Bro Leonard and one or two more, all from Elkhart City.

On Saturday Nov. the 17th, the county Sabbath School Convention meets at the above place, and said evening of the 17th, we will begin a protracted meeting, and we ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that good may be done.

J. H. PALMER.

Glenford Items.

We expected Bro. Brown to come to our place Oct. 25th, and preach a few sermons and hold a communion for us. But upon entering our church on the evening of the 25th, we saw no Bro. Brown, and Bro. Miller had to fill the appointment in his stead. We all concluded that Bro. Brown had missed the train and would put in his appearance the next morning; so early next morning C. E. Deffenbaugh and Bro. Miller started, through mud and rain, for the station but returned without their man. But still having all confidence that he would be here we started for the church expecting to pick him up on the way. Our arrival at Glenford brought us the intelligence that he could not come.

The nights were dark and rainy, the roads very muddy and Bro. Brown's absence all tended to dishearten all of us very much. about our communion. But while thinking about it I was reminded of the question Christ's Brethren asked each other—"do you think he will go up to the feast?" So I concluded the all-important one to have at our communion was Christ. So on Saturday morning, having dismissed my gloomy doubts, I went to work preparing for our feast as though I knew Bro. Brown and all our members would be there. The sun shone brightly all day drying up the roads to a considerable extent, The evening was pleasant so quite a number of the members were present and we indeed had a feast for the soul.

Although we had a supper prepared at the church we had no confusion. Everything was done quickly and before the congregation had gathered; yet our supper was warm when we ate it.

I have heard so much said against observing this supper as an ordinance of God's house yet I prize it as the greatest spiritual blessing that can be enjoyed: for the other ordinances only remind us of our sins and a crucified Redeemer, while this one points us to a time when we shall enjoy social intercourse with our Lord and Savior in the eternal kingdom of light.

MARY DEFFENBAUGH.

Ripon, California.

The good old Gospel Ship is still gliding smoothly on. We sometimes feel as though we were drifting into luke-warmness, when all at once a spiritual breeze arises and we are baptized in new hope and stronger faith; especially when we see our old neighbors get on board to journey with us into the celestial harbor.

On the evening of the 12th inst, Bro. R. E. Plummer came to the Jackson School House and commenced a protracted meeting continuing until the night of the 21st, when he closed with a full house. The immediate result was, three came out on the Lord's side, and we believe others are almost persuaded.

The Baptism was attended to on the 22nd near our residence. There was a good feature with it I never witnessed before. It was the kind regard the non-professing husbands showed to their wives who were baptized. They were not only willing, but took them to the water, and assisted in every way necessary besides. We believe those sisters will enjoy their spiritual life with such kind husbands.

B. G. FREDERICK.

Oct. 26th 1888.

Jones Mills, Pa.

On Saturday, Sept. the 29th, Sister Annie Myers, my wife and little daughter and myself started for Washington county, Pa, where we remained for a week or ten days in order to fill my regular monthly appointments.

On the 11th of Oct., we started for Aleppo, Green county, Pa. Had a few meetings with the brethren up there, with communion meeting, which was among the most pleasant communion meetings I ever enjoyed. On Sunday morning the 21st, by the request of Bro. George Murray, I preached the funeral discourse for his wife, who departed this life Sept. 12th, aged 43 years, 3 months and 1 day. Sad bereavement indeed. But then sister Lucy had given her heart to Jesus while yet in her teens and lived a Christian life until death came. So amid all our sorrows we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Our protracted meeting will commence in Washington county, Pa., about the first of Nov. Brother S. W. Wilt will do the preaching if all goes well.

STEPHEN HILDERBRAND.

New Virginia, Iowa.

Nov. 1.—Elder S. H. Bashor commenced preaching the doctrine as set forth by Christ and his apostles at this place, on Sunday evening Oct. 14th, and closed on Sunday evening Oct. 28. His sermons were based upon pure, clean, and impoverished Bible doctrines. They were disinfected, washed and made clean of all coat-tail, night-cap, broad-tail, or any other make up outside of the gospel of Christ. His preaching was accepted by the people of this place, as purely scriptural, and that only. Our little church here has been laboring under adverse circumstances for some time, but we are happy to say that through the efforts of Bro. Bashor, we are lifted out of the muddy waters, and placed upon solid footing, with ten more of the best citizens of this place to help us. These ten were baptized during the meetings and a number of others have expressed a desire to become members of our church when Bro. Bashor comes here again, we don't want him to have his time limited, for we are satisfied he left us just in the middle of a general stampede which was just beginning to show itself, and could he have stayed a few days longer no doubt as many more would have joined us. But we are very thankful for what we did get, and better yet that every one of these are men and women fully matured in years and are ready to help us build up and sustain a model church.

Bro. Bashor left us on Monday morning for Dallas Centre, Iowa, where he will remain for several days, preaching and converting souls to Christ. We would give a little history of our church here, but we know the editor's shears are sharp and long, and we think we had best let it pass till some future time.

D. S. ENGLAND.

College of St. James, Md.

I am glad to see such an interest taken at our state conventions, to push forward our Master's cause. All those plans and resolutions that we have made will avail nothing if we don't go to work and put them into effect.

What has become of our committee to raise money for the Maryland and Virginia evangelist? Are you asleep? Have you forgotten that you were appointed to attend to that matter? There will be no trouble in getting a good evangelist if you will go to work and provide the necessary means. It is time now that we should be in the field. Go to work at once and do what you can. If you can't raise enough money to keep one in the field the whole year, raise enough to keep him going for six months. Better have an evangelist for only three months than not at all.

I think EANGELIST No. 43 is very good. I am truly glad that Bro. Bashor is writing for it again. His articles in the past have been very interesting to me. Hope the Lord will bless him in health, so that he can write and preach more. The harvest truly is ripe but the laborers are few.

Bro. Mason, Lair, and Mc Faden deserve much credit for their constant and interesting articles.

We have nearly three hundred preachers in the Brethren Church. Can we not average ten conversions to each preacher a year? Most assuredly we can if we will. Brethren don't be so selfish, lets go to work. Let us all open our hearts a little wider and let the Holy Spirit blow that hidden spark of God's love, then warm up our families, then churches, and last make it hot for sinners; The season is here for revival work, let us first revive ourselves and then revive others.

Dress question.—Bro. Mc Faden talks of writing a track on the dress question. Religion in a certain cut of clothes is about all that some people have around here, for I am sure, that if you can know a tree by its fruit, that some of them have none in their hearts and very little in clothes. There is more talk about plain clothing and less worn here (save Philadelphia), than any place I have ever been. We need a good tract on this subject. I know some elders that preach and storm against progressives because they have nothing for the order and time and again have visited some of their own churches where none of their sisters wear bonnets, unless fashionable dress bonnets, and none of the brethren or sisters dress in the order. They come back home and by their talk you would think none dressed out of order but progressives. But you heathens (?) hold your tongues and say nothing about it.

All the conservative elders that get away from home and acquainted with their own church positively know that the dress question is a thing of the past in many of their congregations, and their annual meeting leaders all know it. If they would enforce upon their members the dress question they would have at least 20,000 to expel.

That would swell the Brethren Church wonderfully. I heard the moderator, Eld. Haze, at the district meeting of Va. last April say, that there were whole states that paid no attention to the dress question. He said this publicly before that entire congregation. I venture to say, that they have as many members that don't dress in the order as we have altogether.

Says one I know that what you say is true but we can't stop it anymore. Then why do you

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OUR CHURCH.

Next Tuesday a new term of the College commences.

Bro. D. Bailey kas been afflicted with quinzy the past week.

Bro. W. L. Stahl left for Tiosa, Ind., last week for a few days.

Bro. W. C. Perry has also been on the sick list, but is improving.

Bro. William Jones, of Philadelphia, writes that he expects to return to England. He says: "I have been quite satisfied with the EVANGELIST."

On Nov. 8th, a meeting will be held in the Painter Creek church, of the Old Order Brethren, for the purpose of deciding where their Yearly Meeting will be held next year.

Bro. S. E. Shook returned from the Valley the first of the week, and reports some success in the canvass for the College. Bro. Josiah Keim is still at work, and when he completes work there, will most likely go to Rossville and Oakville, Ind., and other points in that locality.

JONES MILLS, PA.—The brethren at Jones Mills, Pa., intend to commence their protracted meeting December 8th, to continue until the 23d of the same month. A communion service will be held on the evening of the 23d. All of like precious faith are heartily invited, and especially those of surrounding churches of the Brethren. By order of the church.—W. A. Harman.

Bro. J. H. Swihart writes:—I have been sick some of the time and quite unwell most of the time ever since the 3rd of the present month. I am under medical treatment all the time, but I am trying to work a little. Filled my appointments at College Corner for this month over Sunday and held a few meetings in Somerset besides. The waters in this town are getting somewhat stirred. Just came from the baptismal waters.—Oct. 29.

Bro. Bashor will begin a two weeks' meeting at Milledgeville, Ill., Saturday evening, November 17th, at the close of which he will go to Ocoya, Ill. From there he will visit Mullberry, Ind., and so *ad infinitum* throughout the winter. His meetings closed at New Virginia, Iowa, with ten accessions to the church by confession and baptism. When last heard from, Nov. 1st, he was at Dallas Center with two confessions and fair prospects for more, but the meetings were hindered by a diptheria scare in the town, by political excitement and by one of his attacks of neuralgia of the chest.

ZIMMERMAN, OHIO.—Again we come with joyful news. The work in this part of the moral vineyard is very good. One more member has been added to the church at this place. The good work is moving along slowly. Surely this is encouraging to see the wayworn travelers coming home. We feel sure that there are others near the kingdom.

We expect to dedicate our new church the 18th of November. All are invited to attend, especially the neighboring churches. We will hold communion services on the 20th, to which all are invited to attend. We have prayer meeting every Sunday night. We have good crowds and good behaviour and all seem interested in the meeting. May the Lord have all praise is our prayer.—C. I. Miller.

WATERLOO, IA.—The work of the Lord is moving along slowly. Baptized one yesterday; hope he will make a useful member in the body of Christ. This is a beautiful country and made up of a very fine and liberal-hearted people. Blackhawk county has a Mutual Insurance company which is a credit to this county, as it is very prompt in paying losses. Bro. Joseph Forney, who lost his house and all his household goods by fire on the 6th of

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